Year	Central Assistance (Rs. in crore)
1995-96	25.00 (Grant)
1996-97	10.09 (Grant)
1997-98	18.00

3. Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns.

The Central share (grant) is 25% of the total project cost sanctioned, with equal share of grant from State side and the balance 50% from institutional sources. Allocation figuress are not available. However, Central release for the last three years is as under:—

Year	Actual Central Release (Rs. in lakhs)
1995-96	40.00
1996-97	60.00
1997-98	52.00

4. Schemes for water supply in Assam.

The funding pattern is 50:50 between the Centre and the State. Allocations and releases made during the last three year are as under:—

(Rs. lakhs)

			1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
1.	Accelerated Rural Water Supply Prog.	Allocation	1845	2026	2438
		Release	2245	2354	2372
2.	Accelerated Urban Water Supply Prog. in town with population of less than 20,000	Allocation	140	128.05	N.A.
		Releasse	140	168.05	140

Improving Infrastructural Facilities

4118. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleassed to state:

(a) whether Government have determined any priorities to improve the infrastructure in the country;

(b) if so, what has been placed at the top of all; and

(c) whether there is any plan under consideration to privatise any of the infrastructure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) The Government recognises the crucial role played by infrastructure in economic develpment (e.g., power, energy, road, railways, ports & telecommunications.) A detailed action plan for Rapid improvement in ıysical Infrastruture is currently under ɔparation which upon finalisation will be ...egrated with the existing Draft IX Five Year Plan for consideration and approval of the National Development Council through due process.

(c) Private Sector participation is already permitted in various areas of the sub-sectors of infrastructure such as power, telecommunications, roads, railways and ports.

Annual Plan for Orissa

4119. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Annual Plan for 1998-99 for Orissa has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a)